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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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FOR POLYPEPTIDE GROWTH FACTORS

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED DECEMBER 17, 2004**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. § 1.8)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date below.

June 13, 2005

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2004, for which the three-month date for response was March 17, 2005.

A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This three-month extension will bring the due date to June 17, 2005, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.000600RE.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.